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1. The DDR Ministry of Foreign Trade has prohibited the export of sodium cyanide, potassium ferrocyanide, and sodium ferrocyanide, effective August 1951. They have been designated strategic commodities.*
2. The Mohsdorf (N 51/K57) branch of Fettshemie-und Fewawerke (VVB Sapotex), Chemnitz, Neefestrasse 119-125, has recently set up a pentaerythrite (tetravalent alcohol) plant with a monthly capacity of 600 tons. Under a special arrangement, 400 tons a month will be delivered to Czechoslovakia. Pentaerythrite can be used either for the manufacture of artificial resin or, by a process of nitration, for the production of the high explosive, tetranitrate.* Several plants suitable for this process exist in Czechoslovakia.

* Comment: Probably erythritol tetranitrate.

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